

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIGS. 1, 2, 3(a), 3(b), 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c) as shown on the attached sheets (replacement sheet and annotated sheet).

FIG. 1 is now presented as FIGS. 1(a), 1(b), and is modified by the addition of schematically shown components 40, 42 respectively indicative of the vibration driving means and the hearing aid drying or carrying case disclosed in the specification. FIGS. 2, 3(a), 3(b), 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c) are modified to include a separate label for each figure.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1-18, of which claims 1, 5 and 8 are independent.

The specification, claims, abstract and drawings are amended to overcome minor informalities therein, to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims, and new claims 12-18 are added to define additional aspects of the invention. Specifically regarding the drawing modifications, again, FIG. 1 is now presented as FIGS. 1(a), 1(b), and is modified by the addition of schematically shown components 40, 42 respectively indicative of the vibration driving means and the hearing aid drying or carrying case disclosed in the specification, while FIGS. 2, 3(a), 3(b), 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c) are modified to include a separate label for each figure.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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